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from the heart:

Tuolomne is a part of our family. We have come every year since 1997.

It is where we came to heal when my husband's father died suddenly.

It is where we brought our babies for their first camping trip, their first trail hike, their first summit (Mt. Hoffmann).

Between hiking days, we rest along the river. We choose to walk upstream a ways, to be on our own. We paint, read, sing, talk, explore, float pieces of wood like boats, walk in the river to see beautiful stones worn round and smooth by the water, watch ground squirrels and deer.

At night, after attending a ranger program, we crawl into our tent on the "A" loop and a relulled to sleep by the sound of the river. In the mornings, we drink coffee and watch for deer.

What happens to Tuolomne is important in so many ways to so many people. And it feels as if it matters especially to us. I suspect many people feel the same way.

the short version: for us, being able to camp in the campground along the river is so much a part of the magic of Tuolomne, that we would be deeply saddened to see that change. all other changes, or the status quo, are things we can work with.

ideas from around the campfire:

parameters: we believe it is important, perhaps now more than ever, for people to connect with nature. so in looking for ideas, we strove to find a balance between keeping the river "wild" and having people interact with it in a health way. i believe it is like a finely woven cloth, and that many of the strands are important.

the big things:

the single most important thing for this wild river? removing the Hetch Hetchy dam. If we aren't prepared to talk about the big things, then splitting hairs over the little things seems almost counterproductive... rather like taking a pebble out of a shoe where the sole is disintegrating.

the small things (but big to us :)

ideas we eliminated:

-we eliminated closing everything (visitors center, store, camp, lodge, highsierra camps) because it would cut off too many people from the Wonder of Tuolomne.

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- we eliminated closing the campground as it brings people into a different relationship with the river. we believe living in a place, even for a short time, changes people. it also offers people access to more hikes and a more intimate experience than they would have as day visitors, and to the rangers and their contagious love of tuolomne.

I also wondered if there is a problem we are trying to solve, or a vision we are trying to move towards, or if this is merely an opportunity for some folks to beat well worn drums and try to get rid of things they find abhorrant. certainly there are things that happen along the river that don't match our personal vision of tuolomne... BUT... not everyone is the same, and it seems inappropriate for us to impose our love of peace and quiet and walking on others. Besides, i love seeing people move from "loud extraneous entertainment" to walking peacefully along the river in just a few short days. Of course, there are some who appear untouched by the wonder of it all, but not many. We are not all hikers, tenters, backpackers (our family is all of those, but we appreciate that others are not). Sometimes i think it is more important for non-nature lovers to come to Tuolomne than it is for us already converted, so that the river may work its wonders on their souls (and their voting patterns!)

things we felt worth keeping:

these are all strands that go in to making the cloth whole and strong

1. Ranger Programs - the wide variety of programs, from short hikes to long hikes to arts and story telling all play a roll in helping people connect with Tuolomne campground
2. The Campground (as stated above, living in a place changes a person)
3. The "A" loop: I spent a long time debating the fate of the "A" loop, as several people were talking about a 'threat' to it while we were there this summer. We would feel a huge sense of loss if it were closed. In the end, i think we lose more than we gain if we close it. People from all over the campground come to the river to play and exercise and pray and fish, so closing one loop won't eliminate the most dramatic ineractions with the river. I debated suggesting it be a walk-in, tent-only loop. How selfish can I get?! When we were there in July, a midde-aged brother and sister had brought their elderly mother back to the campground she had brought them to when teh; wer children. They helped her to the river. It was a beautiful thing, and I think if we take that away, we do so to our collective detriment.
3. Parson's Lodge: I think people who might never walk more that 100 meters actually walk out to parson's lodge because it is a visible destination. And i'm all for encouraging people to get out there and hike :)
4. things I know little about:
  - the horses: their impact seems significant. is their historicity important enough to compensate for trail damage and their impact on water quality?
  - the high sierra camps: does this open up the wilderness to folks who otherwise would never venture out? they vote, too. what about the pollution created?

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- the store and grill: our family loves them. stopping for ice cream after an all-day hike is a traditional treat we look forward to. but.. actually.... if they are big polluters, then perahps they should go. it would "feel" more wild without them
- the gas station: i can't imagine that it isn't a big polluter. perhaps it should go, too. (again, if we aren't prepared to contemplate inconvenience, then we shouldn't discuss options at all)
- the lodge: is this an actual problem? i just don't know ... i've never been there.
- staff housing: having staff on site makes it feel more like a wilderness community. its an important feeling.
- the visitors center: seems to attract an extraordinary number of visitors.

speaking for our family, our greatest need is to be able to pitch our tent by the river. after that, having things and people stay or go are all things we can work around.

wishing you open minds and discerning hearts,  
ann mckeown

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What do you love about the Tuolumne River?

The trail through the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne to Pate Valley and up to White Wolf. The trail can be enhanced with a NEW TRAIL EXTENSION-ACCESS to the area where the Tuolumne River enters HH Reservoir and the Pate Valley area. I don't like the clog/crowd of backpackers in the Glen Aulin area and north out of that area who camp very near the trail and along the river.

What do you love about Tuolumne Meadows?

It is a great access point/trailhead for the Yosemite backcountry. What I hate is the cars parked on the side of the road on the west side of the Meadows. A parking area should be created near by and parking along the road prohibited. Fishing near the bridge on the east side should be prohibited on either side of the bridge for 500' to lessen the amount of people moving in and trampling the banks around the bridge and campground.

What do you do while you're there?

Day hike, fish, and use the area as a backpack trailhead.

What would you like to see protected?

The fish and the river banks and the undeveloped open land. No additional structures. Minimal human intervention, such as plucking out the trees like they did this summer: attempting to intervene in tree growth patterns is folly. The Tioga Road is there, live with it and what it has caused as it is now a permanent part of the landscape.

What kind of services or facilities would you like to see offered, improved or removed?

Take out the gas station, provide more parking for day use, and backpacking use. Let the Lee Vining/Crane Flat area take care of the fuel issues, as there is no reason to have a gas station in the Meadows. No new structures should be built in the area of the Meadows. It is a very limited use area (summer access) and there is only need for temporary: services, employee housing, food, lodging etc. Don't turn the meadows into an area to buy food, gas and trinkets. (The area can keep its splendor by limiting or eliminating these type activities). There are enough strip malls in the U.S., no need for one along the Tioga Road in Tuolumne Meadows.

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Dear Planning Committee,

We appreciate having the opportunity to give our input on the future of Tuolumne Meadows, and the Tuolumne River. While there are so many things to comment on, we will touch on just some of them. Both of us have been coming to Tuolumne for many years, my partner, Kay, since she was a child and me since high school friends introduced me to the area twenty five years ago. The two of us have spent a week in Tuolumne each August for the last eight or nine years. Clearly, we love the place. Friends who aren't familiar with the area sometimes ask us why we keep going back to the same place each summer, and it's difficult to explain to someone who has never been there. One of the reasons is that we know we can count on it remaining pretty much unchanged from year to year. Being able to leave behind our crazy, busy lives in the Bay Area to step into a place of such wonder helps keep us sane and rejuvenated. This summer in particular, given the state of world affairs, we both found it unspeakably comforting to sit by the river and look at the same trees and meadows and bright blue sky as we did last year and as we intend to do next year. It is because we love the unchanging nature of Tuolumne that we both want to see it remain much the same in the future.

We like very much the temporary nature of the place, knowing that the season for most human visitors is short, that many structures will be taken down for the winter and then erected again the following year. We would hate to see more permanent structures in the Tuolumne area. While we there at the beginning of August, we heard talk about building more permanent employee housing, an idea we do not support. We also heard about an idea to move employee housing outside the park, somewhere around Lee Vining; this seems like a particularly bad idea. It would increase traffic congestion over the Tioga Pass, add to pollution in the park, create a hardship for employees, and increase the risk of traffic accidents. In addition, part of what makes Tuolumne special is the community that it gives rise to each year, and part of that community results from employees living so close to where they work, from being fully in Tuolumne.

We are aware that major work needs to be done to some of the infrastructure, particularly the sewer system. By all means do what is necessary to maintain such basic facilities, but do it in a way that has minimal impact on the surrounding environment. In fact, maintaining

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existing facilities and services in a way that leaves the lightest footprint possible should be the guiding principle. We see no reason to add facilities or remove existing ones. Apparently there is some talk about removing the gas station. We aren't sure how we feel about this; while a gas station doesn't seem to belong there, we can imagine that not having it would create hardships for some people, especially those who work there. There was also talk about moving the Tuolumne Lodge because it is located so close to the river, and moving or removing the stables. Without knowing more about the impact of these facilities, it is difficult to say what we feel should be done about them. We also heard suggestions about moving the store and Grill and/or the Visitor Center so that they are closer together and therefore more conveniently located for visitors. To this, we say "nonsense." While situating them closer together might get more day use visitors into the store and the Grill, it would not be good for campers and backpackers. Speaking of day use visitors. . . we realize that parking around Tuolumne is a problem, and frankly, we aren't sure what the solution is. As regular visitors who camp, hike, and backpack, it is difficult not to feel frustrated by the large numbers of visitors who pull in for a couple of hours, often by the busload, and then drive on. It seems that much of the congestion in the area and much of the parking problem is due to these visitors. We would hate to see the park cater to those short-term visitors rather than people who stay for longer periods and return year after year.

We've heard that some people are interested in expanding recreational use of the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows area (river rafting, snow boarding, . . .?) We are strongly opposed to allowing rafting in any part of the river, and frankly, see no need for any additional recreational use. Frankly, we would be happy if fishing weren't allowed. While it's true that there is also some controversy over rock climbing, it seems an appropriate activity, given its long history in Yosemite.

A few other comments about the campground itself.

- 1) Absolutely keep 50% of the campground first-come first-serve!!
- 2) Enforce the limit on the number of cars and people per site
- 3) Keep up your efforts to protect the park's bears. In past years, we have been surprised that campers weren't given more explicit instructions about food storage and clean up. The instructions about food storage have gotten much better, but a lot of campers simply do not know how they should be washing their dishes. As unpleasant as it may be, it is important for rangers/employees to be vigilant about enforcing proper food storage. The positive reinforcement we received this year- in the form of a Thank You note at our campground - was a nice touch.

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Keep Tuolumne peaceful and pristine!!

Sincerely,

Anne Stafford & Kay Lombardini



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September 6, 2006

Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to offer some scoping comments for your Tuolumne River Plan and your Tuolumne Meadows Plan. I have visited these areas many times over the past 40+ years, and plan to return as long as i am able. My comments for your EISs are as follows:

- 1) These areas are being spoiled by commercial enterprises. Specifically, commercial packstock outfits have increased their use (and impacts) in recent years, and need to be reined in.
- 2) Yosemite NP should pay attention to the volumes of recent research about the impacts of recreational stock animals, and adopt a modern management program for this high-impact activity, both at Tuolumne Meadows and all throughout the Tuolumne River watershed. This should include:
- 3) Requiring all commercial stock outfits to follow all of the "Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics for Horse Use." This cannot be "recommended" guidance. It has been out for four years, and the packers are not following it. This needs to become mandatory, or the commercial outfits will not comply. (Reference: *Leave No Trace Outdoor Skills and Ethics, Horse Use Edition* , November, 2002. Leave No Trace, Inc., Boulder, CO.) If they refuse to fully comply, they should not be permitted to operate within Yosemite NP.
- 4) Prohibiting all grazing in the Tuolumne watershed. This is necessary to protect water quality and to prevent trampling damage to sensitive wetlands, lakeshores, and meadows. It would also help to reduce the spread of exotic weeds. Stock users should be required to carry feed (weed free) for their animals as is done in other national parks.
- 5) Adopting smaller group size limits for commercial packers. You should explore group size limits such as 12 total "heartbeats" per group, to limit the number of persons and stock animals. The limit now in effect for the Tuolumne River watershed (15 persons + 25 animals) has never undergone an honest NEPA review, and is very excessive. 25 animals at one place, at one time, adversely affects natural resources and the experience of park visitors. (My experience is shattered by encountering such large groups. Is not yours?)
- 6) Designating some (even most) trails for "foot travel only." I strongly object to the dust, manure, urine, and flies that pollute trails that are used by stock animals. Hikers should have some trails to get away from the stench (especially in our national parks), and stock should be confined to trails that are adequately designed, constructed, and maintained to fully withstand stock use.

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7) Within designated wilderness, commercial enterprises must be limited to the extent that is truly necessary. (Reference: Wilderness Act of 1964.) Your EISs must include a needs assessment for any/all permitted commercial enterprises.

8) The High Sierra Camps are a gross intrusion in the Tuolumne watershed. They ruin the scenery, pollute the water, provide human food sources for wildlife, and the pack train routes to the camps are substantially degraded. The Tuolumne, Glen Aulin, and Vogelsang camps should be closed and removed, the sites naturalized, and the areas recommended as wilderness.

Please step up and be bold. Don't settle for more business as usual. Please use these planning processes to make the changes that are needed to truly protect the remarkable park, river, and wilderness values of the Tuolumne Meadows/River areas. Thank you for considering my views.

By this message, i request full paper copies of all NEPA and decision documents for these two plans.

tom suk

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I'm all for "protecting" Yosemite National Park depending on whose definition of *protection* your using. Protection of the frogs and the food chain are a couple things I would include in my definition of *protection* for Yosemite National Park. I'm a fan of things pristine and the feeling of being the first and only person there, just as much as the next person who thinks the world is moving too fast.

And the fact is, we should try to protect the ecosystems, watersheds, water and air quality, habitats that house endangered species, wild flowers, meadows, the food chain, and the **VISITOR EXPERIENCE**. I think the voice of reason has been lost when we start talking about excluding people from "Experiencing their America." People shouldn't be excluded from entering Tuolumne Meadows because they didn't depart early enough, didn't make a reservation 2 to 3 years in advance, or are turned away because their transportation was too loud. Yosemite National Park is a *national* park, its not just for the people who feel like they own it because they've lived here or because they feel some sort of connection to it. It's a national park so that *everyone* can have a connection to it, so *everyone* can experience it.

This is the United States of America, and until George W. Bush declares specific user capacities for each park; then Yosemite should be no different than any other national park. *And*, no controlling, utopian freaks should be able to get the gates closed based on a contrived "Yosemite maximum capacity." I worry that if a user capacity is established it could become variable instead of fixed, due to operational or seasonal conditions which would not be conducive to the visitor experience.

As an established local who feels a strong connection to, and ownership of Yosemite National Park; I am granted the magical power to know when the park is experiencing gridlock, it's a holiday weekend, or it's the rest of the nine months and its perfect to visit. This is a great place, people know it; everyone needs to realize, that everyone else knows this too. Going to Yosemite is just like going anywhere else; to ensure a good time, researching and planning your trip are just the basics. If we could all just read Yosemite's mission statement one more time, and remember that really, the resources' **only** protection *is* the visitor experience, then maybe some people would realize that this a place is for everyone.

Experiencing *our* America,

John Zisa

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*"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations ."*

National Park Service Organic Act, 16 U.S.C.1.

Have you read your mission statement lately? It is not construction of more buildings, or rock climbing leaving garbage and damage on the rocks, or destroying more of the land you have already ruined. The Park's priorities have never been in the correct order.

Tuolumne is an area that should not be disturbed.

Very carefully, what is already there is more than adequate for visitor support. Had proper maintenance been done over the years, things would not be in the run down state that you say they are. Maintain what you already have and leave the rest undisturbed.

This is not an amusement park so all the amenities are not required. This is nature accessible to everyone with breath taking views.

You are on the land of the Ahwahneeces of Yosemite--Paiutes. We want our land to stay natural and undisturbed. We will share the beauty of the land with all but will fight to prevent further destruction. The land is sacred to our people and should be treated with care. Our ancestors put things where they are for a reason. Leave their things alone. Leave those that are buried there alone. Our ancestors are pushing us to take care of our land and keep our traditional ways intact. We are to protect the land from the destruction by the non-Indians.

Hetch Hetchy was a beautiful place before the non-Indians arrived. Our people lived there for centuries. The Hetch Hetchy area will never be restored to the look of the pre-dammed era. The

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water behind the dam has changed the landscape forever. There will be water scars that can't be erased. The granite walls of the Hetch Hetchy have forever been ruined and can't be restored to their previous beauty. The silt that has washed into the reservoir has filled up the area. Our ancestors land is safe with the water in the reservoir. Let it alone.

You have done your destruction in Yosemite Valley. Leave the rest of the park in a more natural state. Our people were here for thousands of years before the non-Indians and unless you are looking for the signs you don't even know that we lived here because we respected the land.

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To Yosemite National Park,

Please accept the following scoping comments on the Tuolumne River Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan:

The National Park Service has just gone through a "soul searching" if you will, with the latest policy re-write. It's clear that the American public would like to see the Park service decrease commercial exploitation of the National Parks.

This decrease in commercial use must also include the Tuolumne Meadows area and the Tuolumne River corridor.

The Park has a serious responsibility to preserve what's left of a dwindling resource, the High Sierra. To that end, the "High Sierra Camps" at Tuolumne Meadows, Glen Aulin, and Vogelsang must be completely removed. Once removed, these camps must be restored to their natural condition.

The Glen Aulin and Vogelsang sites must be designated as wilderness, as provided by the 1964 Wilderness Act and the California Wilderness Act of 1984.

The NPS must decrease use of the Tuolumne Meadows and Tuolumne River areas by commercial packstock.

The NPS must adopt a management plan to decrease the impacts of commercial packstock activities. The management tools used by the NPS must include:

- Decreasing group sizes for commercial parties with stock
- Terminating all native vegetation grazing
- Designating specific campsites for parties with stock
- Removing all stock-handling structures, such as corrals and picket lines
- Requiring diapers on all pack and riding stock to reduce water and trail contamination from feed with herbicides and animal excrement that contains pharmaceutical agents.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide scoping comments on our American Heritage for this critical planning issue, Yours,

Tom Martin, Co-Director  
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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Park Planners,

I'd like to comment on the Tuolumne River Plan and the Tuolumne Meadows Plan. Thanks for this opportunity to comment.

The Tuolumne Meadows and river corridor are one of the finest natural areas in the Sierra. I believe the NPS should do all it can to reduce commercial use of the Tuolumne Meadows area and the Tuolumne River corridor. These areas should be maintained in a natural state and freely available to all Americans.

I am a backpacker and I believe individuals should meet the wilderness of our national parks on its own terms. So I would like to see the established commercial camps at Tuolumne Meadows, Glen Aulin, and Vogelsang removed, the sites restored. The plan presents an opportunity to designate the Glen Aulin and Vogelsang sites as wilderness, as provided by the California Wilderness Act of 1984.

Commercial outfitting seems out of scale in these areas for a national park. The NPS should reduce use of the Tuolumne Meadows/River areas by commercial packstock enterprises, and the NPS should adopt controls to reduce the impacts of commercial stock use (i.e., require smaller group sizes for parties with stock, prohibit all grazing, designate campsites for parties with stock, remove all stock-holding facilities (i.e., corrals) from park lands, require diapers on horses to reduce water/trail pollution, etc.).

Thank you for your attention. I hope you find these comments useful.

Tim McNulty

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Regarding public comments for the Tuolumne River Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan:

The charm of the area is its "pristineness." Yosemite Valley is a zoo.

- With that in mind, I would not add a lodge like the Ahwahnee or a casino or anything large like that.
- Improving the camping areas and the existing lodging would be appreciated.
- Improving the shuttle service between the Valley and Tuolumne would aid in providing access to Tuolumne.
- Improving the Ranger programs would be appreciated -- more ranger guided hikes, more talks and walks, campfires (where did they go?). Long hikes are appreciated -- 4 to 6 hours, as well as some shorter ones in the 2 hour range. It's a shame that DNC is replacing the ranger programs with paid programs. Privatizing services (restaurants, lodging, etc) is fine, but the rangers are the face of the NPS and of Yosemite. Therefore, ranger programs shouldn't be privatized. The biggest goal should be to increase the rangers' presence.
- Funding, of course, is the key item to implementing any change. Can the NPS solicit private donations, large corporate donations? For example, would Microsoft be interested in donating money and wireless network services, in exchange for advertising?
- Private industry deals with money shortfalls in the short term (until revenue increases) with better efficiency -- layoffs of duplicated jobs, more service automation (payroll, automatically flushing toilets, etc), strict review of expenses and finances.
- Can volunteers handle the "grunt work" allowing rangers to do more interpretive work? This would mean reserving some campsites or RV sites for volunteers.

Thank you for listening.

Kindly,

Richard Nakai

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Dear Superintendent, Yosemite National Park  
Attn: Tuolumne Planning

Regarding the Tuolumne Planning,

We Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiutes would like more input into the how the Tuolumne River Planning is handled. We Paiutes were the original Indian people of Tuolumne River from where the Yosemite border starts. The Miwoks were below that area. The Miwoks and Paiutes did not trade, but the Paiutes held the area. The material that is being used was with input from Craig Bates who we Paiutes have no confidence in. We have checked his work and found that many of his writings are contrived. He was adopted by a Miwok family and later married a Miwok woman. His work and writings are incorrect and influenced by his marriage to a Miwok and his adoption by a Miwok family. Yosemite National Park Service should be dealing more with the Paiutes in the area, than with the Miwoks who were brought up to work in the area for whites. Our leadership and historians have written documentation before any new documentation was created to assist the Tuolumne and other Miwoks in the area. So Yosemite should contact the Paiute tribes who were the people of Tuolumne River above a certain point.

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Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows Plans.

Please consider reducing commercial exploitation of the Tuolumne Meadows area and the Tuolumne River corridor.

As provided by the California Wilderness Act of 1984, the "High Sierra Camps" at Tuolumne Meadows, Glen Aulin, and Vogelsang should be removed, the sites restored, and the Glen Aulin and Vogelsang sites should be designated as wilderness.

In addition, I hope the NPS will reduce use of the Tuolumne Meadows/River areas by commercial packstock enterprises, and the NPS would adopt controls to reduce the impacts of these enterprises (i.e., require smaller group sizes for parties with stock, prohibit all grazing, designate campsites for parties with stock, remove all stock-holding facilities (i.e., corrals) from park lands, require diapers on horses to reduce water/trail pollution, etc.).

Thank you again,

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